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## OZONE SEASON ENDS '05 ANTELOPE VALLEY SMOG SEASON ENDS ON A SLIGHTLY HIGHER NOTE THAN '04

### Hot Summer Temperatures, New 8-Hour Standard Deemed Likely Causes

Firecracker-hot temperatures this July were largely responsible for driving up the number of days exceeding the federal 0.08 parts per million (ppm) ozone standard in the Antelope Valley to 31, up from 24 days in 2004. However, officials at the AVAQMD point out that a new methodology for measuring smog-recently implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - also impacted this year's reported air quality numbers, and that the clean air trend which began in the mid-1990's is alive and well throughout the Valley.

The 31 exceedances logged this year at the AVAQMD's Lancaster monitoring site between May and October - the region's traditional "smog season" - represent a 24% reduction from the summer of 2002, when 41

exceedances of the federal 0.08 ppm, 8-hour health standard were recorded within the AVAQMD's boundaries, which encompass Palmdale, Lancaster, and unincorporated desert areas of North Los Angeles County. In 2003, a total of 35 exceedances of the 8-hour standard were recorded District wide.

Not surprisingly, the Antelope Valley's 2005 ozone readings compared favorably with those measured this year in the South Coast Air Basin (SoCAB), which includes Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties: by November of 2005, 84 days had exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard within the SoCAB's boundaries. Similarly, the San Joaquin Valley logged 72 exceedances of the

8-hour standard within its boundaries this summer.

2005 marked the first year that the EPA switched from measuring ozone - the main component of smog - over a one-hour period, to averaging it over an 8-hour span. Although the 0.08 ppm, 8-hour baseline is generally seen as a more accurate measure of smog levels, it can erroneously make it appear as though a region has experienced more unhealthful air quality days than under the former 0.12 ppm, one-hour standard. For example, under the old one-hour standard, just one ozone exceedance would have been reported locally this summer, versus the 31 reported using the new 8-hour standard.

## AIRE AWARDS RENAMED IN HONOR OF SENATOR KNIGHT

LATE SENATOR, H.W. HUNTER, SANITATION DISTRICTS RECEIVE AVAQMD'S TOP AWARD



Accompanied by her son, City of Palmdale Councilman Stephen Knight, Gail Knight accepted the AIRE on behalf of her late husband, Senator Wm. "Pete" Knight in recognition of his introduction of AB 2666 which created a separate, locally-controlled air district for the Antelope Valley.

In recognition of sponsoring the legislation that created the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, then upgraded it to an independent air quality management district,

AVAQMD officials have announced that the AIRE (Achievement In Reducing Emissions) Awards - which are presented to local entities for making significant contributions to protecting air quality - will be re-named "the Wm. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Awards" beginning in 2006.

The announcement was made during the presentation of the 2004/2005 awards, which took place during the District's regular Governing Board meeting on September 20. In October, the Board adopted a resolution implementing the name change.

During the annual awards ceremony, the late Senator was also posthumously presented with a special AIRE Award in recognition of introducing AB 2666 in 1997, which created a separate, locally-controlled air district for the Antelope Valley, and emancipated local businesses from costly and stifling regulations designed for the polluted, urban Los Angeles basin. In 2000, then-Assemblyman Knight introduced legislation to reclassify the agency to an air quality management district. The bill was ultimately re-introduced by Senator George Runner (R-Antelope Valley) in 2001, and signed into law the same year. Mrs. Gail Knight wife of the late Senator - accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, who was called the "Father of the AVAQMD" by Governing Board Chair/Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford.

Along with late Senator Knight, two local entities also received the AIRE award for implementing projects that reduce air pollution within the AVAQMD's jurisdiction. *cont'd on page 2* 



From left to right: APCO Chuck Fryxell, H.W. Hunter General Manager, Tim Fuller, Chief Engineer/ General Manager James Stahl and Supervising Engineer Mark McDanrel for the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Mrs. Gail Knight, Stephen Knight, and AVAQMD Board Chairman Jim Ledford.



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# GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S ENVIRONMENT

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Governor Schwarzenegger announced that he had signed legislation that will help protect California's environment. The new laws will help reduce air pollution, clean up contaminated property caused by methamphetamine labs, encourage recycling, and protect pristine wilderness.

"We must be diligent in our efforts to keep California at the forefront of environmental protection and resource efficiency, improving our surroundings and making our state a better place to live, visit and employ people," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Protecting our environment and preserving California's natural beauty for future generations is a top

priority for my administration."

Recent legislation signed by the Governor includes a bill that will allow more low-income vehicle owners to participate in the Bureau of Automotive Repair's Consumer Assistance Program which provides financial assistance for smog-related repairs to pass smog checks. The Governor launched the *Help California Breathe Easier* public service campaign in March of this year to encourage participation in this program.

For more information, go online to <u>www.breatheeasier.ca.gov</u> or call toll free 1(800) 952-5210.

#### AIRE Awards Renamed cont'd from page 1

H.W. Hunter Inc., was recognized for installing a photovoltaic solar electric generating system which doubles a sun shade for vehicles waiting for service at their Lancaster auto dealership. The system generates approximately 388,070 kWh of electricity annually while offsetting the production of more than 340,000 pounds of greenhouse gasses, or the equivalent of removing 60 cars from local roads. The AIRE Award was accepted by Tim Fuller, General Manager of H.W. Hunter.

The AIRE Award was also presented to the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for installing a digester gas-fueled micro turbine and a fuel cell to produce electricity at their Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants, respectively. At full power, the micro

turbine produces enough electricity to meet 24% of the Lancaster plant's demand, while the fuel cell fulfills 34% of the Palmdale facility's needs. The alternate fuel energy systems also help reduce greenhouse emissions and air pollutants associated with less consumption of utility central generating plants. The Sanitation Districts' award was accepted by Chief Engineer and General Manager James Stahl.

According to Air Pollution Control Officer Chuck Fryxell, "By recognizing individuals and organizations that go the extra mile, the AVAQMD hopes to inspire others to follow their lead in implementing innovative and effective ways of reducing air pollution." The AIRE Awards are presented annually by the AVAQMD in conjunction with National Pollution Prevention Week, celebrated the third week of September.

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES July 2005 — September 2005			
Complaints	32		
Inspections: Total Facilities	103		
Notices of Violation (NOVs)	9		

PERMIT ACTIVITY July 2005 — September 2005				
ATC/PTO Applications Received	12			
Permit Renewals Processed	28			
Certificate of Occupancy Applications Processed	42			

### Wishing All A Green Christmas

The holiday season offers more opportunities for recycling and protecting air quality than any other time of the year. When you recycle, you are helping to prevent air emissions which result when new products are manufactured, instead of recycled.

Give the gift of cleaner all

*S*ECISONS

Greetings

While you enjoy this season, remember our environment and your role in protecting it by following these simple tips:



#### **GIFT WRAP**

Instead of tearing open those beautifully wrapped packages, carefully remove ribbons and tape first, then unwrap them with care and save the ribbons and wrapping for use next year. In doing so, you will not only save resources, you'll save money too! Paper that can't be reused should go into the recycle bin. However, foil and plastic wrap should go into the trash. Keeping that in mind, skip the pretty foil next time you buy gift-wrap. Remember, gift boxes can also be reused several years over before being retired to the recycle bin.

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#### **CARDS**

Save the fronts! Irresistibly funny and beautiful card fronts can add a unique touch to your packages. Whether or not you have young children around, consider gluing two fronts together to create a holiday mobile!

**ENTERTAINING** 

Rinse bottles and cans prior to placement in a recycle bin. Why not make use of your reusable dishes? Holidays are special...break out the fine china and enjoy it! Ah, the memories...

#### THE TREE

Most cities and towns have a drop-off or pick up program for disposing of your fresh cut tree after the holidays. Check with your local officials to determine correct disposal procedures.

#### THE FIREPLACE

Wood smoke from fireplaces and wood stoves can settle in a neighborhood and cause health problems. If you decide to light a fire, there are several things you can do to reduce the amount of fine particles emitted into the air: burn only dry, seasoned dry wood; use manufactured fireplace logs; build small, hot fires - large fires smolder and pollute more; give your fire plenty of room - a fire with a generous air supply reduces heavy smoke emissions.

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For more information on what you can do to protect our air, visit www.italladdsup.gov.

## Runners Applaud Governor`s Efforts To Form "A-Team" To Attract Important CEV Project To California

#### Governor's Administration Letter Outlines Plan and Commitment for Bringing the Crew Exploration Vehicle to California

On August 24, Senator George Runner (R-Antelope Valley) and Assemblywoman Sharon Runner (R-Antelope Valley) publicly commend Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his action and response to luring the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) to California.

"The Governor appointing an A-Team (Action Team) to work together with the goal of bringing aerospace projects like the Crew Exploration Vehicle to California is critical to improving California's economy, and to the Antelope Valley," said Senator Runner.

The letter from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) outlined that the A-Team will include: BTH, Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), including the California Business Investment Services (CalBIS), California Space Authority, as well as other local and regional economic development organizations.

The California Space Authority will be asked to serve as the lead partner.

Senator Runner and Assemblywoman Runner wrote a letter to the Governor requesting such a team of high level officials to focus on attracting the CEV project to California. Additionally, the Runners and their staff have held conference call meetings with the key state agencies and with Congressman Buck McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) in order to urge federal support as well.

Assemblywoman Runner said, "Developing the CEV is an exciting opportunity that could translate into more jobs and a boost to the economy for both the Antelope Valley and the entire State of California. Plant 42 is the ideal location as it is equipped to handle the contract and the workforce is experienced. We hope that the Governor's proactive leadership on the issue will help to attract CEV contracts to California."

AVAQMD Partners with MEEC to Provide FREE EE Resources to Local Teachers

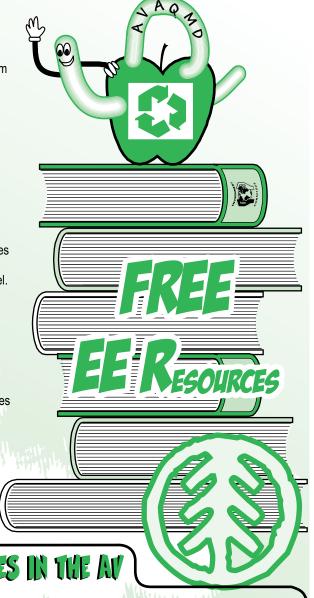
The AVAQMD has joined forces with the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC) for the purpose of enhancing the environmental literacy of AV students. MEEC is the High Desert zone of the California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC), a project of the California Department of Education. MEEC's mission is to link High Desert educators with quality, standards-based environmental education (EE) resources and materials, free of charge.

MEEC is part of CREEC's Region X, whose boundaries encompass Mono, Inyo, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. MEEC is headquartered at the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District in Victorville, which also serves as the organization's lead agency.

In early Fall 2005, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics of Palmdale brought MEEC's services to AV teachers by becoming the organization's first local sponsor. In August of 2005, the AVAQMD Governing Board voted to become a MEEC Sponsor at the \$5,000 level. Since then Boeing, CH2MHILL, Edwards Air Force Base, the City of Lancaster, Gary Little Construction, Northrop Grumman and the City of Palmdale have joined the AVAQMD in supporting Antelope Valley educators and EE by becoming MEEC sponsoring partners.

According to AVAQMD Operations Manager Bret Banks, MEEC's goal of expanding EE in Antelope Valley schools while helping teachers meet standards runs parallel to the goals of the AVAQMD. "MEEC will provide the District with expanded opportunities for distributing its educational air quality materials to teachers, and for spreading its clean air message," explained Banks. "The AVAQMD has a proud tradition of supporting education in the AV, and MEEC will allow our educational programs to reach even more students."

In the near future, MEEC's plans call for the opening of an EE resource library for teachers in the AV, and the establishment of a separate, Antelope Valley-based CREEC region. To learn more about MEEC, visit www.meeconline.com.



## MEEC CORGER - MEEC'S LATEST ACTIVITIES IN THE AV

MEEC representatives have spent the last two months attending Cabinet and Principals' meetings at unified school districts throughout the Valley, including Eastside, Keppel, Palmdale, Lancaster and Wilsona. During these meetings, Antelope Valley principals have committed to encouraging their teachers to join MEEC, and utilizing MEEC's valuable services and resources.

In November, AV educators were offered the opportunity to apply for MEEC's Enviro Bus Bucks transportation grants. The Enviro Bus Bucks program funds transportation for schools to visit one of 16 environmentally significant sites, including Edwards Air Force Base.

On December 6, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. hosted MEEC's first AV teacher workshop at their Palmdale facility from 4-7 PM. All teachers who attended "The Earth is in Our Hands: Preserving & Restoring Our High Desert Ecosystems" received a free copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade unit of the award-winning, standards-based "A Child's Place in the Environment" curriculum.

Workshop attendees also received a supplemental unit adapted for Antelope Valley teachers by Lockheed Martin on Piute Ponds, 400 acres of "enhanced" wetlands located at Edwards Air Force Base. Lockheed Martin, MEEC and the L.A. Sanitation Districts are part of a collaborative partnership that is working towards establishing an outdoor "desert lab" at Piute Ponds, and building an EE program around the local watershed.

Local teachers are encouraged to visit MEEC's Environmental Resource Library located at the Mojave Desert AQMD's offices in Victorville for all their EE needs. The Library is chock full of standards-based curriculum guides, lesson plans, videos, CD's and educational kits which MEEC teachers may borrow for use in their own classrooms.

For more information on MEEC's services to teachers contact MEEC Coordinator Susie Myrick at (760) 245-1661 ext. 6159, 6104 or 6717. Additionally if your business or organization would like to learn more about supporting AV teachers through MEEC, please contact Cheryl Bennett at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6101.

## DISTRICT IMPLEMENTS FLAT APPLICATION FEE

Beginning January 1, 2006, the AVAQMD will implement a flat application fee for new air quality permits. The adopted flat fee of \$339.00 represents a nominal 14% increase over the lowest application fee the District currently assesses. Annual permit renewal fee rates will also increase by the same percentage.

Under recently amended Rule 301, the District has simplified its equipment tables and consolidated renewal schedules. In addition, asbestos related equipment has been moved to a separate category, which will now be assessed on a per job basis, rather than an annual fee for the equipment. In the past a company would register its asbestos removal equipment and pay an annual permit fee for a piece of equipment they might use numerous times one year and not at all the next year.

According to Deputy District Counsel, Karen Nowak, amended Rule 301 primarily provides for a shift in the District's application fee-based funding to an annual renewal fee base. "It's a cost saving move on our (the District's) part, and should also save time and paperwork for the asbestos removal industry," explained Nowak.

At present, application and renewal fees account for only 24% of the District's generated funds compared with other similarly sized districts, which run around 55%. "Application fee revenue tends to vary widely depending upon the economic prosperity of the regulated community. This action should enable the District to be on a more stable economic footing on a year to year basis," stated Nowak. In addition, Nowak said the flat application fee concept was implemented to encourage industry to make upgrades and improvements to equipment, which in turn, benefits overall air quality.

For more information on permit application and renewal fees, contact AVAQMD Operations Manager, Bret Banks at 661-723-8070.

## Air Quality Data Summaries: 2000-2005

#### **Lancaster Monitoring Site**



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Year	Days exceeding state standard	Days exceeding 1 hour federal standard	Days exceeding 8 hour federal standard	Maximum 1 hour reading parts per million (ppm)	Maximum 8 hour reading parts per million (ppm)
2000	35	2	28	.14	.12
2001	37	3	28	.15	.10
2002	46	5	41	.16	.11
2003	50	4	35	.16	.12
2004	37	0	24	.12	.10
2005	42	1	31	.13	.10

State Standard: Federal Standard:

0.09 ppm based on 1 hour average 0.12 ppm based on 1 hour average

0.08 ppm based on 8 hour average

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The AVAQMD is currently accepting applications for its Lower Emissions School Bus Retrofit Program. Under the program, grants are appropriated to fund 100% of the costs of installing CARB-verified retrofits.

\$258,720 in grant funds are now available to help AV schools reduce the risks of student exposure to toxic air contaminants released in diesel exhaust. Local school districts that own and operate school buses within the AV are eligible to apply, as are transportation companies that provide services under contract to public school districts.

The program offers \$500 per retrofit for ultra low sulfur diesel mandated for use with particulate trap retrofits, and/or \$250 per retrofit towards the cost of replacement filters which must be used with oxidation catalyst retrofit devices. No matching funds are required.

Contact Operations Manager Bret Banks at 661-723-8070 to obtain an application or for more information.

## Fuel Saving Tips To Help You "Spare the Air"

Regular servicing keeps your vehicle operating at peak efficiency, which maximizes fuel efficiency and reduces emissions. With a little advance planning, a less-aggressive driving style and a well-maintained car, you can get the most out of every gallon of fuel, while helping to "Spare the Air."

No matter where you live or what you drive, you can maximize every gallon of fuel. Here's how:

Regular Servicing Is A Must. Keep your vehicle well maintained with regular servicing to keep it operating at peak efficiency. Be sure the air and fuel filters are clean. A new oxygen sensor alone can improve gas mileage by as much as 15 percent, according to AutoZone, a car parts store.

Having tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure can improve gas mileage by as much as 6 percent, while periodic wheel alignments can help improve fuel economy up to 10 percent, according to the EPA.

Clean out that trunk, cargo area or pickup bed. Extra weight decreases gas mileage. According to AutoZone, every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight shaves one mile per gallon off your fuel mileage.

Change your driving style. To see as much as a 20 percent gain in fuel economy, accelerate gradually, drive smoothly and with care, avoiding jackrabbit starts and sudden pedal-to-the-metal maneuvers. Anticipate stops to avoid sudden braking, coasting safely to an intersection where traffic has stopped.

55 Saves Lives ... and fuel. A car or truck traveling at 55 miles an hour can get about 15 percent better fuel economy than the same car going 65 mph.

**Drive Smart.** Don't waste fuel by sitting in that drive-thru lane! Park and go inside. Don't let your vehicle idle as you wait outside the elementary school to pick up your children. Contrary to popular belief, idling uses more fuel than turning the engine off, waiting for your youngsters and then restarting the engine.

In stop-and-go traffic, keep the air conditioner off, if possible. Roll down the windows and open the air vents to keep you and your riders comfortable. That air conditioner is a burden that increases fuel use, which increases vehicle emissions.

Trip-Chain. Combine your errands into one trip. Organize your stops so they're near each other and avoid retracing your path. Why not park in one central spot and walk between some of your stops?

If possible, avoid driving during congested times of day. Less traffic equals a smoother drive. Use navigation aids on the Internet or in your vehicle to keep from getting lost and wasting fuel when you're headed to a new, unknown location.



Consumers looking to maximize fuel economy in gasoline-powered models can consider small, lightweight cars such as the MINI Cooper.



From the outside, this Honda Civic Hybrid looks virtually identical to a Civic sedan that's powered only by a gasoline engine. But fuel economy and emissions are better in the Hybrid.

Weather or Not. Weather conditions play a role in the fuel economy of your vehicle. Driving into a 20-mph headwind can reduce fuel economy by as much as 6 percent. Driving up a mountain road with a 7 percent grade can cut fuel economy by as much as 25 percent. Driving on gravel and in slush and snow requires a bit more fuel, as well.

Skip the Drive. Even if it's just for one day a week, walk, bicycle, carpool or take public transportation instead of driving your car. This not only saves on gas, it can also provide an excellent cardiovascular workout.

Size Counts. When you shop for a new vehicle, compare fuel economy. Bear in mind how bigger vehicles, bigger engines, four-wheel drive and lots of optional equipment can add to a vehicle's weight and, as a result, reduce its fuel efficiency.

An Eye to the Future. Think about how your fuel conservation efforts benefit the air, the Earth and future generations. Scientists say global warming and its projected impacts on weather, rising sea levels and human health are due, in part, to the burning of fossil fuels. So, every gallon of gas you don't use can help ease global warming. Do your part - drive smart and "Spare the Air."

## **Car Shopping? Consider The Top Ten "Fuel Misers"**

New technology and smaller cars are your best bets, if you're looking for vehicles that get the most out of each tank of fuel during city driving, and produce the fewest emissions.

Each year the EPA publishes fuel economy estimates for most new passenger vehicles sold in the U.S. Annual ranking of new model lines - according to EPA fuel economy data for city driving — shows three gasoline-electric hybrid cars at the top of the 2005 model year list (according to MSN Auto). The Honda Insight continues its reign at the top, along with the Toyota Prius and Honda's newest gas-electric vehicle, the Civic Hybrid.



The five-seat Toyota Prius, with an EPA rating of 60 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway, has a 1.5-liter 76-horsepower 4-cylinder gas engine and an electric motor.

The Honda Insight with a manual transmission has an estimated fuel economy of 61 mpg in the city and 66 mpg on the highway, making it the overall winner among new vehicles according to EPA data. The Insight comes with a 1.0-liter 67-horsepower 3-cylinder gasoline engine mated to an electric motor that helps provide torque and some supplemental power. A 5-speed manual transmission is standard equipment; a continuously variable transmission is also available, with fuel economy of 57/56 mpg, respectively. The Insight seats two people.

The five-seat Toyota Prius, which was redesigned as a midsize sedan for the 2004 model year, is rated at 60 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway, putting it in second position on the list. Prius has a 1.5-liter, 76-horsepower, 4-cylinder gas engine and an electric motor. A continuously variable transmission (CVT) is standard and a manual version is not offered.

The 2005 Honda Civic Hybrid achieved the third-highest fuel economy estimate of 48 mpg city/47 mpg highway, and is powered by a 1.3-liter 85-horsepower 4-

cylinder gas engine combined with an electric motor. The best city fuel economy in the Civic Hybrid comes with the CVT. A 2005 Civic Hybrid with 5-speed manual is rated at 46/51 mpg.

The hybrid market continues to heat up, with a number of new players expected on the market soon. The Toyota Highlander Hybrid and Lexus RX 400h are among the hybrid sport-utility vehicles that will debut in calendar year 2005.

They will join Ford's Escape Hybrid, which went on sale in late symmer 2004, in the market. As the 2005 model year began,



U.S.-based Ford Motor Co. makes it into the top ten list of "fuel misers" in 2005 with its Ford Escape Hybrid SUV in two-wheel-drive format.

Ford's Escape Hybrid was the most fuel-efficient SUV. A two-wheel-drive Escape Hybrid is rated at 36/31 mpg by the EPA; it uses a 2.3-liter 133-horsepower 4-cylinder engine mated to a 94-horsepower electric motor. Only a CVT is available. The Escape Hybrid can be had with four-wheel drive too, but the fuel economy rating falls to 33/29 mpg.

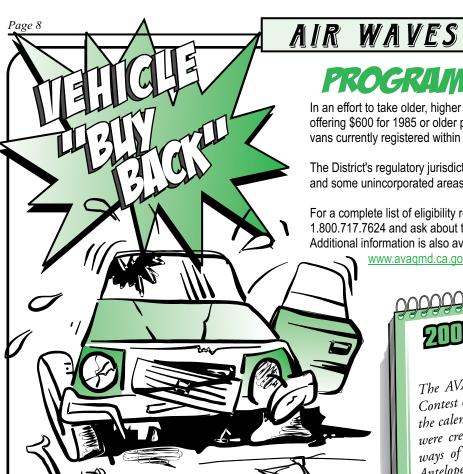
No pickup trucks, vans, luxury cars or large sedans made the top ten, and the Ford Escape Hybrid is the only vehicle on the list from a U.S.-based automaker.

Here are the top ten fuel-efficient model lines as listed in MSN Autos, based on EPA fuel economy data for city driving:



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Model Maker Honda Insight	City/Hwy 61/66 mpg
Toyota Prius	60/51 mpg
Honda Civic Hybrid	48/47 mpg
Volkswagen Golf TDI	38/46 mpg
Volkswagen Jetta TDI	38/46 mpg
Volkswagen New Beetle TDI	38/46 mpg
Volkswagen Jetta Wagon TDI	36/47 mpg
Honda Civic HX VTEC-E Lean Burn	36/44 mpg
Ford Escape Hybrid 2WD	36/31 mpg
Toyota ECHO	35/42 mpg



PROGRAM STILL IN EFFECT

In an effort to take older, higher polluting vehicles off the road, the AVAQMD is offering \$600 for 1985 or older passenger cars, light/medium duty trucks and vans currently registered within its boundaries.

The District's regulatory jurisdiction includes the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and some unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and other information, call 1.800.717.7624 and ask about the AVAQMD's Vehicle Buy Back Program. Additional information is also available on the District's website at

www.avaqmd.ca.gov.

The AVAQMD's 2006 Clean Air Month Poster Contest calendars are now available. Featured in the calendar are this year's winning posters, which were created by local school children, and depict ways of preventing air pollution throughout the Antelope Valley. To obtain your free calendar, contact the District at (661) 723-8070 today!



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